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REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are pending in the present application. By this amendment, claims 3 and 16 have been cancelled, claims 1, 10, 12, 31, and 32 have been amended, and claims 33 and 34 have been added. Accordingly, claims 1-2, 4-15, and 17-34 are currently under consideration. Applicant respectfully submits that these claims are allowable.

Amendment and cancellation of certain claims is not to be construed as a dedication to the public of any of the subject matter of the claims as previously presented.

Claim Objections

Claims 10 and 31 stand objected to for lacking proper antecedent basis. Claims 10 and 31 have been amended accordingly. Applicant respectfully requests that the above-cited objection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC § 112

Claims 1, 10, 12, 31, and 32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. These claims have been amended without prejudice to eliminate the language objected to by the Examiner. Applicant respectfully requests that the above-cited rejection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC § 102 and 35 USC § 103

Claims 1, 22-25, and 32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Kadambe (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0061035). Claims 2, 6, 7-9, 12-14, 19, 20, and 27-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Kadambe (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0061035) and further in view of Lee et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,424,960).

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As discussed below, the claims have been amended to include limitations related to allowable subject matter. Applicant respectfully requests that the above-cited rejection be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3-5, 10, 11, 15-18, 21, and 26 stand objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 as amended includes key limitations from claim 3 and is allowable. Because they depend directly or indirectly from claim 1, claims 2, 4-11, and 21-25 are likewise allowable.

Claim 12 as amended includes key limitations from claim 16 and is allowable. Because they depend directly or indirectly from claim 12, claims 13-15, 17-20, and 26-31 are likewise allowable.

Claim 32 as amended includes key limitations from claim 3 and is allowable.

New independent claim 33 includes key limitations from claim 10 and is allowable.

New independent claim 34 includes key limitations from claim 31 and is allowable.

Applicant submits that these claims are distinguishable over the cited references and all references of record.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 532792000700. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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